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REMARKS

Claims 16-22 are pending in the application.

In the aforementioned Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 16-22 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,389,000.

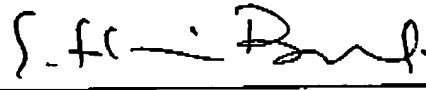
Accompanying with this amendment, a terminal disclaimer is filed pursuant to 37.C.F.R. § 1.321(c). Accordingly, the Examiner's double-patenting rejection is thereby obviated. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In light of the above amendment and remarks, and with the aforementioned terminal disclaimer filed, all claims in the application, are submitted to be patentable over the prior art. Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and an early allowance are respectfully requested.

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